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SUBJECT: BURDENSHARING: DRAFT PRESS RELEASE ON JACKSON-NUNN
AMENDMENT

REF: A. USNATO BRUSSELS 2554 B. STATE 109343

1. NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS JUST CIRCULATED REVISED TEXT OF DRAFT RELEASE ON JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT (PARA 4 BELOW). IT INCLUDES ADDITIONAL WORDS REQUESTED REF B AS WELL AS OTHER MODIFICATIONS IN INTEREST OF BREVITY AND ACCURACY. IN ADDITION, AT US REQUEST, RELEASE WILL NOT BE MADE BEFORE MAY 20 WHEN MISSION WILL HAVE RECEIVED TEXT OF FINAL PRESIDENTIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON JACKSON-NUNN.

2. MISSION NOTES THAT LAST SENTENCE OF PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE IS NOT STRICTLY ACCURATE IN STATING THAT ALLIED MILITARY PROCUREMENT, TOGETHER WITH PAYMENTS MADE BY FRG IN FRAMEWORK OF CURRENT OFFSET AGREEMENT, MORE THAN COVER THE UNITED STATE NATO RELATED "DEFENSE EXPENDITURES" IN EUROPE FOR THE STATIONING OF THEIR FORCES DURING THAT SAME YEAR. FOR COMPLETE ACCURACY, WORDS "BALANCE OF PAYMENTS" SHOULD BE INSERTED BETWEEN "DEFENSE" AND "EXPENDITURES" IN FINAL PHRASE OF LAST SENTENCE.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE SYG WILL REQUEST APPROVAL OF DRAFT PRESS RELEASE AT NAC MEETING MAY 14, MISSION REQUESTS IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE, INCLUDING AUTHORITY TO INSIST ON INCLUSION CLARIFYING WORDS MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE.

4. QUOTE

PRESS RELEASE

1. THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES, FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE INTO LAW OF THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT IN 1973, ASKED THE ALLIANCE TO EXAMINE THE PROBLEM OF BURDEN-SHARING. THIS AMENDMENT SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR CUTS IN THE UNITED STATES FORCES DEPLOYED IN EUROPE IN LATE 1975 IF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT (FOR FISCAL YEAR 1ST JULY, 1973 TO 30TH JUNE, 1974) RESULTING FROM THESE DEPLOYMENTS SHOULD NOT BE FULLY OFFSET BY OTHER NATO COUNTRIES.

2. ACCORDINGLY THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT GATHERED STATISTICAL INFORMATION SHOWING THE ACTUAL PAYMENTS FROM THE NATO EUROPEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES TO THE UNITED STATES CORRESPONDING TO PURCHASES OF AMERICAN GOODS AND SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEFENCE EFFORT. THIS INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THESE PROCUREMENTS, WHEN ADDED TO THE PAYMENTS MADE BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DURING 1974 IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CURRENT OFFSET AGREEMENT, MORE THAN COVER THE UNITED STATES NATO RELATED DEFENCE EXPENDITURES IN EUROPE FOR THE STATIONING OF THEIR FORCES DURING THAT SAME YEAR. UNQUOTEBRUCE

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